

PUBLIC HEARING ITEM 1c. **COMMERCIAL TAUTOG**

Option 1: Status Quo

73.9.2 Commercial:

(A) Minimum size: Sixteen (16) inches.

(B) Seasons, allocations, and possession limit: The total allowable harvest of tautog will be established annually, and will be that amount allocated to the State of Rhode Island by the Regional Fishery Management Council and/or the ASMFC. The quota shall only be available during the following seasons:

(1) Spring sub-period (April 15 – May 31):

(a) Allocation: 1/3 of the annual quota.

(b) Possession limit: Ten (10) fish per vessel per day.

(2) Summer sub-period (August 1 – September 15):

(a) Allocation: 1/3 of the annual quota.

(b) Possession limit: Ten (10) fish per vessel per day.

(3) Fall sub-period (October 15 – December 31):

(a) Allocation: 1/3 of the annual quota

(b) Possession limit: Ten (10) fish per vessel per day.